

Behavioral Health Commission- Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

Senate Room A, General Assembly Building

Members Present

Senator R. Creigh Deeds, Chair

Senator Lashrecse Aird

Senator Tara Durant

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Russet Perry

Delegate Patrick Hope, Vice Chair

Delegate Carrie Coyner

Delegate Adele McClure

Delegate Joseph Obenshain (virtual)

Delegate Vivian Watts

Delegate Rodney Willett

Members Absent

Delegate Ellen Campbell

Call to order and opening remarks- Senator Creigh Deeds, Chair

Roll call- Agnes Dymora

Member introductions- all members

Members motioned and voted unanimously for Senator Deeds to be Chair and Delegate Hope to be Vice Chair of the Commission.

Executive Director Nathalie Molliet-Ribet gave an overview of the BHC including its goals and roles, and described how they will be used to help improve the behavioral health system in Virginia and guide the work taken on by the Commission. She also presented a potential workplan to the members, noting that not all topics on the workplan can be taken up in 2024 because of manpower limitations.

After some discussion, members agreed that the final workplan would be further discussed and approved at the next Commission meeting in June after staff has time to incorporate the input provided by members during today's meeting.

Jennifer Spangler gave an overview of the peer input group. She described its purpose and structure and current work.

Several individuals offered public comments.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Commission meeting will be on June 12, 2024.